

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS AREAS

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. In addition to picnicking (see page 3), the village offers:

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm through 10/28, then 9am-4:30pm. New exhibits and 15-minute orientation movie! Books, maps, first aid. Local wilderness permits issued 9am-4pm. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm).
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Souvenirs, film, clothing. ATM in lobby.
- **Market:** Daily 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Supplies, bear canisters, emergency gasoline.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11 for details.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Daily 11am-4pm.
- **Post Office:** Hours may change without notice. Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm, Saturday 9-11:30am. Lobby & stamp machine 24 hours. Visitor mail: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

Cedar Grove Area

Highway 180 from Junction View into the canyon remains open until November 13, weather permitting.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir. In summer the area offers picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3), as well as:

INFORMATION & CAMPING (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Closed for the season. Check bulletin boards for information.
- **Wilderness Permits:** Self register at Road's End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village. See details about permits on page 4.
- **Camping (NPS):** Details on page 11.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS) last day open 10/14.

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar (not a full-service restaurant). Weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (lunch supplies available at market).
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, bear canisters, souvenirs, film, supplies. Daily 8am-7pm.
- **Lodging:** Last night 10/14. See page 10 for details.
- **Showers & Laundry:** Daily 8am-6pm. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing. Get shower key at market. Shower closed 1-3pm daily for cleaning.

NATURE PROGRAMS

In the fall, park rangers offer free walks and talks on some weekends in Grant Grove. Snowshoe walks start when the snow lies deep enough. Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for schedules.



BIG STUMP PICNIC AREA & TRAIL ARE CLOSED THROUGH OCTOBER. WHY?

A very large, very hollow sequoia threatened to fall on the old Big Stump park entrance station on Highway 180 – and on visitors waiting to enter the park!

This meant either cutting down the tree or moving the station. Since these parks exist to protect sequoias, the station had to find a new home. It was moved temporarily to the Big Stump Picnic Area. The park is studying alternative sites for an entrance station that will minimize environmental impacts and maximize ease of operations and traffic flow.

Late this fall, fee collection will be moved to the visitor center, so please stop there to pay. Until then, take your picnic basket to Columbine (or see the park map for other picnic areas). If you want to explore an area that was logged in the last century, try Converse Basin, north of Grant Grove in the National Forest.

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). It was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see recovery from intensive sequoia logging in the late 1800s. Snowy in winter, in summer it offers picnicking & horseback riding (see page 3) as well as:

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Boyden Cavern:** Closes when road does on 11/13. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Cave tours on the hour Monday- Friday: 11am-4pm; weekends: 10am-5pm. \$10 ages 14 & up; \$9 62 & over; \$5 ages 3-13; under 3 free. AAA discounts. 1-209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** Last day open 10/8 or 9 weather permitting. Market 8am-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday); showers 8am-5pm. Gasoline. Restaurant closed. 1-866-KCANYON or 1-559-565-3909.
- **Montecito-Sequoia Resort: (FS):** A permitted resort on public land, open year-round. On Generals Highway, 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 8-9:30am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 6-7:30pm (hospitality/sandwich bar until 10pm). Cabins, hotel, children's activities; cross-country skiing in winter. 1-800-843-8677 or 559-565-3388.
- **Historic Guard Station at Big Meadows: (FS)** See page 10.
- **Hume Lake:** Private facilities open to public; 8 miles (13 km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. Laundry (coin operated 24-hour) & gas station (24 hours with credit card). General Store: Sunday-Thursday 8am-5pm. Snack bar open Friday 3pm-11pm; Saturday 10am-11pm; Sunday 10am- 2pm. Monday-Thursday varying hours; call ahead: 1-559-335-2000.

GASOLINE SALES

At Hume Lake year-round, 24 hours/day with credit card (or during General Store hours - see *Hume Lake* above).

At Stony Creek Village through 10/8, 24 hours/day with credit card (weather permitting; see *Stony Creek Village* above).

At Kings Canyon Lodge (usually 9am-dark) may be available until 11/13, but confirm that it is open before relying on it. See *Rules of the Road*, page 5, for more information.